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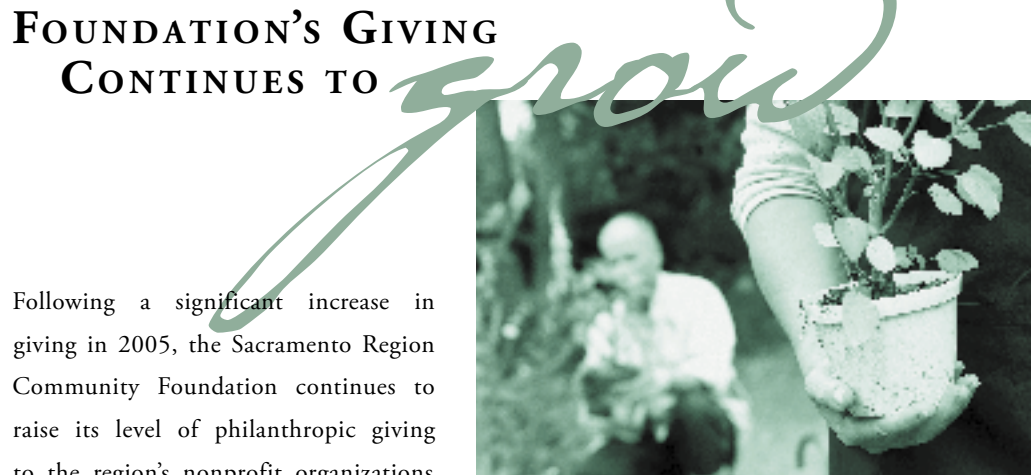
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FOUNDATION'S GIVING CONTINUES TO



Following a significant increase in giving in 2005, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation continues to raise its level of philanthropic giving to the region's nonprofit organizations.

Through its annual Field of Interest Grants Program, the Foundation provides funding in several areas of community life, including arts and culture, children and youth, diversity and tolerance promotion, education, the environment and conservation, neighborhood development, poverty and human assistance, and violence prevention education. In December 2006, the Foundation allocated nearly \$90,000 to 25 organizations throughout Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties.

Earlier in the year, the Foundation gave an additional \$65,000 in field of interest grants to Sacramento County emergency shelter programs and partnered for a second year with the Yolo Community Foundation to provide educational grants to local public schools. In total, the Foundation has given more than \$150,000 in field of interest grants, which marks a 36% increase in funding from the previous year.

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Says Ruth Blank, the Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, "Thanks to the generosity of our donors and board of directors, the Foundation has been able to provide substantially more support to the organizations that provide critical programs and services to our communities. I am proud of our efforts and hope to conduct even more giving in the future."

Field of interest funds are established by donors with an interest in supporting particular areas of community life. The funds employ the Foundation's board of directors to make funding decisions based upon the recommendations of a volunteer review committee. Most funds are endowed, meaning that the Foundation will allocate funding in these areas for many years to come. In 2005 and 2006, the Foundation matched field of interest dollars with its available unrestricted monies in order to provide additional funding and have a greater impact in the community. In 2006, the Foundation made funding available through a competitive application process.

For questions about the Foundation's field of interest grants program, please contact Arlene Wilson-Grant at 916-921-7723 or arlene@sacregcf.org.

FOUNDATION PAVES THE WAY FOR CLOSING THE

Digital Divide

With a demonstrated history of leadership, community building, and philanthropic stewardship, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation is positioning itself to lead a new initiative that will address the issue of the "digital divide" within the Sacramento community. Funded through a \$100,000 grant from the Community Technology Foundation of California, the Foundation is embarking upon a two-year Digital Inclusion Initiative, which will demonstrate the transformative changes at the individual and community level that can occur through accessible and cost-effective technology.

"We are incredibly excited about the opportunity to play a leadership and advocacy role in the issue of digital inclusion for all," says Ruth Blank. "As economic, business, education, and social opportunities become more reliant on technology for everyday transactions, individuals and communities without access, knowledge, and training of computers and internet usage, are at an increasing disadvantage. It is this 'digital divide' between the technology haves and have-nots that we seek to address with this initiative."

"As a trusted community leader, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation has the ability to lead the community wi-fi project to ensure access to technology for Sacramento's under-served communities and neighborhoods, which can open doors for greater

opportunities in education, employment and civic engagement," said Priscilla Enriquez, Director of Programs at the Community Technology Foundation of California. "We invest in opportunities so that community members, using technology, create benefits for all—socially, culturally and economically." The Community Technology Foundation of California helps under-served communities achieve social justice, access and equity through the application of information and communications technologies.

As part of the initiative, the Foundation will work within a selected Sacramento neighborhood, build a wireless network at the neighborhood site, assess the technology training needs of site residents, and develop educational and training programs that are reflective of residential needs. The project will provide ongoing training, free or low-cost equipment and internet access so that residents can develop their skills. At the end of the project period, evaluations will be completed to assess whether residents' skills have been developed and to categorize the benefits to education, job growth and retention, and increased social interactions. The term of the initiative will be from December 2006 to December 2008, with the goal of securing additional funding for its continuation in future years.

For questions about the Foundation's Digital Inclusion Initiative, please contact Arlene Wilson-Grant at 916-921-7723 or arlene@sacregcf.org.



FOR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND HOLDERS

In order to comply with provisions set forth in the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the Foundation's board of directors recently approved policies and procedures for scholarship funds. In order to issue scholarship grants in 2007, all scholarship funds must adhere to these policies and procedures. Scholarship selection committees must now be approved by the Foundation's board of directors before the scholarship selection process begins. If you have questions about how the Pension Protection Act of 2006 will impact your scholarship fund, please contact Suzanne Mayes at (916) 921-7723 or suzanne@sacregcf.org.



Meet the members of the 2006-2007 Grants Advisory Board for Youth. GABY is one of the ways the Foundation is using unrestricted funds to make a positive impact on the community. For more information, please contact *Suzanne Mayes* at 916-921-7723 or suzanne@sacregcf.org

HOW TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

Growing up we heard it is better to give than to receive...a familiar adage. But how do we live that adage during a time when inflation soars and pension plans have not matured as we expected? Margaret found the solution in Charitable Gift Annuities. "It works for me. It's what everyone should do," said Margaret. "Charitable Gift Annuities are such a win-win situation. They generate income to sustain us and provide independence in our senior years."



Charitable Gift Annuities are an excellent option at your disposal to help fund the critical needs in our community. The minimum gift amount is \$10,000 and it comes with a maximum return on how good it makes you feel. The Foundation can also provide you a gift illustration that will define your benefits such as:

- An immediate income tax deduction
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If you think receiving a Charitable Gift Annuity can benefit you or someone you love, please contact Lorili Ostman, Director of Planned Gifts at (916) 921-7723 or lorili@sacregcf.org.

CAL EXPO HARNESS RACING PROCEEDS BENEFIT SACRAMENTO REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Sacramento Harness Association marked their second annual Community Night at Cal Expo Harness Racing on December 9, 2006 with all admission proceeds benefiting the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. The event featured the "California Night of Champions," a series of races for the best three-year-old trotters and pacers bred in the state of California. Another event highlight was the "Celebrity Drivers Challenge Harness Race" featuring television news personalities from CW 31's Good Day Sacramento—co-host Nick Toma, and Anchor/Reporters Tina Macuha and Mark S. Allen—who battled in a one mile harness race with bragging rights on the line.

The night's event raised \$10,000 to benefit poverty and human assistance programs throughout the Sacramento region. The Foundation, which also received proceeds from the 2005 Community Night event, used the funds to support seven local organizations - all providing programs and services to homeless women, children, and their families. The Sacramento Harness Association is a not for profit mutual benefit corporation and operators of Cal Expo Harness Racing. Visit www.calxharness.com or call (916) 239-4040 for more information.



(L-R) RUTH BLANK, CEO, SACRAMENTO REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; NICK TOMA; RALPH SCURFIELD, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SACRAMENTO HARNESS ASSOCIATION; TINA MACUHA AND MARK S. ALLEN

meet your new board members

The board and staff of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation are very pleased to welcome Janis Heaphy, Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis, and Melena A. Ose as they serve an initial two-year term on the Foundation's Board of Directors effective January 2007.

Janis Heaphy is President and Publisher of The Sacramento Bee, the flagship newspaper of the McClatchy Company. She was honored by the Greater Sacramento Urban League with the Ruth Standish Baldwin Award and as one of the Sacramento Business Journal's "Women Who Mean Business" awardees.



She currently serves on the board of directors of Valley Vision and Jesuit High School and also serves on the UC Davis Graduate School of Management Dean's Advisory Council and the Sacramento Host Committee.

Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis is President of AKT Development Corporation. Among her many charitable duties includes serving as a trustee to a number of organizations including the Legislative Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism and the San Francisco War Memorial Opera Board. A proud Greek-American, she is a member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council and also the president of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Foundation, which supports education and cultural advancement of Hellenic ideals of democracy in western civilization.



A returning Board Member, Melena A. Ose served on Sacramento Region Community Foundation's Board of Directors from 1995-2004. She is a long-time supporter of the arts and has served on the Board of Directors for Capital Public Radio and the Crocker Art Museum Foundation. She also served on the President's Advisory Council at California State University Sacramento. Melena is a graduate of Iowa State University and has served as chair of the ISU Foundation's Investment Committee.



We are very grateful for the generosity of our new Board Members in sharing their time and talents to help improve the quality of life in the Sacramento region.

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FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER HONORED AT NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY EVENT

Sacramento Region Community Foundation Board Vice President, Robert M. Earl, was honored with the title of Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser at the National Philanthropy Day Award Luncheon on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. Sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the annual event honors those individuals who, through hard work and dedication, enhance their philanthropy, their communities, and consequently the world.

Bob earned the distinction for his involvement as chair of the Sierra Adoption Services \$6 million Comprehensive Capital Campaign, which he took on in part to honor his late father. There to present the award was former Foundation Board President Mr. Robert F. Gaines.

Foundation Board Members recognized in the past as Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers, Outstanding Fundraising Professionals, Outstanding Philanthropists and Distinguished Service Award include: Ms. Jeanne Reaves, Mr. Dave Lucchetti, Mr. Ralph Andersen, Mr. Forrest Plant, Sr., Mr. Frank Whittaker, Ms. Jean Runyon, Mr. David Murphy, Ms. Oleta Lambert, Ms. Marcy Friedman, Ms. Melena A. Ose, Ms. Muriel Johnson, and The Honorable Judge Leonard Friedman (deceased).

The staff of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Bob for his commitment and continued dedication to serving his community.

For more information about National Philanthropy Day, including nomination materials, visit www.afpnet.org or call AFP at (800) 666-3863.